

Snowy Owl and Golden Eagle at Plymouth, Michigan.—A Snowy Owl (*Nyctea nyctea*) was shot at Plymouth, Michigan, on December 4, 1901. It was a male bird, and its stomach contained no food.

Recently a Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos canadensis*) was caught near here—the second one observed at this place. These birds are becoming quite rare in southern Michigan, and a law should be enacted for their protection, and not only for them but for several other species of our hawks and owls.—JAMES B. PURDY, *Plymouth, Mich.*

The Hawk Owl in Massachusetts.—I found lately in the Bryant Collection in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy two specimens of *Surnia ulula caparoch*. The label on one reads "Massachusetts, December 30, ♂." (No. 1524); on the other, "Massachusetts, ♂," (No. 1525). As no Massachusetts specimen has been recorded as taken on December 30, this bird is evidently unrecorded, and makes the thirteenth record for the State. The other specimen may be one of those already recorded of which we have no other data as to the capture.—REGINALD HEBER HOWE, Jr., *Longwood, Mass.*

The Elf Owl as a California Bird.—So far as I am aware the chief, if not the only, claim *Micropallas whitneyi* has in the literature to the rank of a California bird rests upon the type specimen. The paper (Proc. Calif. Acad. Nat. Sci., Vol. II, p. 118) containing the original description of this specimen is entitled 'New Californian Animals', but the locality given for the specimen is Fort Mojave, which was on the Arizona side of the Colorado River. Positive evidence of the occurrence of this owl in California has recently come to my knowledge in an example (now No. 18298, Calif. Acad. Sci.) obtained April 20, 1898, by Mr. J. A. Kusche in San Bernardino County, the precise locality being about ten miles from San Bernardino on the old Toll Road, altitude about 2000 feet.—LEVERETT M. LOOMIS, *California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco.*

Unusual Abundance of Lewis's Woodpecker near Tucson, Arizona, in 1884.—During the fall of 1884 Lewis's Woodpecker (*Asyndesmus torquatus*) appeared in large numbers in the Santa Cruz Valley, opposite Tucson, Arizona. Although I have been a resident of the place for about twenty-four years it was the only time I ever saw them in that neighborhood. The following concerning them is from my note-book of that date.

September 28. To-day I saw what appeared to be a large black woodpecker in the pomegranate groves west of town. It was wild and unapproachable. It kept much among the small trees.

September 29. To-day I fortunately secured the black woodpecker I saw yesterday. It proves to be a young female of *A. torquatus*. The cervical collar is entirely wanting. So far as I can remember it is the only one I ever met with in southern Arizona.